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## REQUEST **FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

| Application Number     | 09/845,619           |
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| Group Art Unit         | 2652                 |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  |                                    |        |   |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
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| a.   Previously submitted   |                                    |        |   |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
|   | i.                                 |        | Consider the amendment(s)/r                                     | eply un                                  | der 3    | 37 C.F.R.  | § 1.116 previously | y filed on          |  |  |  |
|   |                                    |        | (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
|   | ii.                                |        | Consider the arguments in the                                   | e Appea                                  | al Bri   | ef or Repl | y Brief previously | filed on            |  |  |  |
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|   | iii.                               | _      | Other   |  |          |            | •                  |                     |  |  |  |
| b. 🗵  |                                    |        |   |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
|   | i.                                 | X      | Amendment/Reply   |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
|   | ii.                                |        | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)                                     |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
|   | iii.                               |        | Information Disclosure Staten                                   | nent (ID                                 | S)       |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
|   | iv.                                |        | Other   |  |          |            | _                  |                     |  |  |  |
| 2. Miscellaneous  |                                    |        |   |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
| a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for   |                                    |        |   |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
| a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)  |                                    |        |   |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
| b.□ Other   |                                    |        |   |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
| 3. Fees The   |                                    |        | er 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F                    |  |          |            |                    |                     |  |  |  |
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